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"I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life."—Jesus

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## Editorial

### Two Very Busy Weeks

All weeks are busy weeks at this office, but the two or three weeks during which the Quarterly is printed are exceptionally busy ones, being so crowded with work that it is impossible to give the usual editorial attention and time to the EVANGELIST. Hence the reader finds one page instead of three pages of editorial matter in last week's and in this week's issues, not including pages 14 and 15. This does not mean that all the manuscript for the Quarterly is prepared during these two weeks, but during this time the work demands our special and almost undivided attention. Next week the usual amount of editorial matter will again appear.

### College Insurance

Up to this time there have been but very few responses to the appeal of the Prudential Committee of Ashland College for insurance money. We trust pastors will not pass this matter by as of little importance. The buildings have been insured and the premium must be paid May 1, 1902. We are quite certain that the brotherhood whose buildings these are would censure the Prudential Committee, and justly so, if they were allowed to stand uninsured. A committee so unbusinesslike as that could hardly be designated as a "prudential" committee; that would be a misnomer. How much easier it would be for 50 congregations to pay \$5 each than for one congregation to pay \$250. This little business matter is not only important but it is urgent and should have the attention of our people as early as their convenience will permit.

### To the Churches of Ohio

This is a special message and appeal to the Brethren churches of Ohio. Our conference year closes June 1, or in just two months. Have you raised your apportionment for State missions, or have you raised any part of it? Pastors, have you presented the matter to your congregation and impressed upon your people the urgent need of the work? Present indications are that not a few of the churches in the State will come to the conference with a shortage that is hardly to be excused. Of course the apportionment as fixed by conference is not compulsory, but in the judgment of the conference the amounts apportioned to the several congregations seemed a fair and equitable distribution of the finan-

cial support of our State work. Brother Pastor, how does your congregation stand with the Mission Board as regards the State work? Does the account balance? The treasury is empty, and in fact overdrawn, a condition of things which should not be. Our work in the city of Dayton is prospering beyond the expectation of the most sanguine. The field is wider and the soil is richer than a year ago. The Lord is most signally blessing Brother Kimmel in his self-sacrificing labors, and surely the Brethren church in the State of Ohio will not withhold support from a work which has upon it the unmistakable evidence of God's favor. The churches in the State do not mean to do that, but it is well to remind our people of the fact that among some of our congregations there is a lack of that enthusiasm which should characterize a people who profess to be interested in the extension of the kingdom of God. Examine the records, please, and see whether from a financial point of view you have come up to the standard set by the late conference at Bryan.

### Easter Thoughts

I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore.

Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept.

I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, tho he were dead yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

To whom also he showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things of the kingdom of God.

The resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ from the dead is made the pivotal fact in the New Testament on which hinge all the doctrines of grace. It is a historical fact, resting on evidence quite as conclusive as that of any other fact in history. On this fundamental doctrine and foundation fact the apostles rested their hope and risked their lives.

If this doctrine of the risen Christ, and the consequent doctrine of the living, personal presence of the Christ, could be grasped in all its significance and preached with apostolic zeal and force, and believed with the simple faith of the early Christians, the church of the living God would take on new life, and inspired with a fresh zeal from on high and a lofty enthusiasm, would march forth and plant the gospel banner of the cross in every part of this sin-cursed earth for whose redemption the Christ suffered the agony and shame of the cross.